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-2- SECTO 28, MAY 17, MIDNIGHT, FROM PARIS

HEADS OF GOVERNMENT FOR FORMAL SUMMIT MEETING AT 3:00 P.M. MAY 17 AND THEN READ TEXT OF PROPOSED STATEMENT THAT PRESIDENT SHOULD MAKE TO PRESS EXPLAINING ACCEPTANCE OF THIS INVITATION (TEXT SENT SEPARATELY).

COMMENTING ON TEXT LLOYD EXPRESSED HOPE THAT STATEMENT WOULD NOT BECOME PUBLICLY KNOWN UNTIL AFTER KHRUSHCHEV HAD REPLIED TO DE GAULLE INVITATION. SECRETARY REPLIED HE FELT IT ESSENTIAL ISSUE STATEMENT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AFTER APPROVAL BY PRESIDENT IN ORDER AVOID ANY MISUNDERSTANDING OR GIVE SOVIETS GROUNDS FOR ACCUSING US OF MISLEADING THEM.

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